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SUBJECT: ANGOLA AND THE TRIPARTITE

1. TRIPARTITE - FONMINS RWANDA, ZAIRE AND BURUNDI MET KIGALI JAN 19-20 IN EFFORT REPAIR FRACTURE STEMMING FROM BURUNDI RECOGNITION MPLA LAST MONTH. RWANDAN FONMIN TOLD AMB JAN 26 HE HAD CALLED MEETING TO OVERCOME "DISARRAY". ALTHOUGH ANGOLA WAS CAUSE OF MEETING, IT WAS NOT A SUBJECT OF PARTICULAR DISCUSSION AND NO NEW PROPOSALS FOR RESOLVING THE PROBLEM WERE REPORTEDLY RAISED. BURUNDI FONMIN CAME UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FOR HAVING VIOLATED TRIPARTITE SOLIDARITY. HE DEFENDED GOB ACTION ON GROUND THAT ONLY SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION HAD LED BURUNDI TO TAKE DISPARATE STEP. GOR REPORTEDLY PROMISED ITS UN SUPPORT TO ZAIRE ON ANGOLAN BORDER CLASH.

2. ALTHOUGH FONMIN SESSION MADE "PROGRESS", IT WAS DECIDED MEETING TRIPARTITE CHIEFS OF STATE NEEDED TO RE-ESTABLISH MUTUAL CONFIDENCE. THUS, OFT-DEFERRED SESSION OF MOBUTU, MICOMBERO AND HABYARIMANA WILL BE HELD IN NEAR FUTURE -- POSSIBLY EVEN WEDNESDAY, JAN 28 IN KISANGANI OR BUKAVU.

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3. OAU SESSION AND ANGOLA'S FUTURE - FONMIN NOTED HE HAD ARRIVED

AT ADDIS TO FIND RWANDAN DEL ADVOCATING SWITCH TO "PROGRESSIVE" SUPPORTERS MPLA AND THAT "RWANDAN MODERATE CAUSE WAS LOST". HE REFUSED ACCEPT THAT JUDGMENT AND OUTLINED GOR CONCERNS FOR VIEWS "PARTICULARLY OF ZAIRE" BUT ALSO "US AND PRC". HE NOTED CAMEROON FONMIN HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY ADEPT DURING OAU SESSION ON BEHALF OF MODERATES.

4. IN RESPONSE AMB'S QUERY OVER ANGOLAN FUTURE PROSPECTS, FONMIN (WHOO IS MIL OFFICER) OUTLINED WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE MILITARY CONSTRAINTS AGAINST MPLA IMPOSING CONTROL OVER ALL ANGOLA. "IT CANNOT BE DONE WITH A COMBINED FORCE OF ONLY 20,000 - 30,000 (CUBANS, KATANGANS AND MPLA)". BUT HE PERSONALLY DOUBTED CUBAN TROOPS WOULD BE REMOVED FOR "AT LEAST TWO OR THREE YEARS". EVEN IN THAT CASE, REMOVAL WOULD PROBABLY COME ABOUT THROUGH USSR-MPLA TENSIONS ARISING FROM "MANIPULATIVE" SOVIETS PLUS FRICTIONS BETWEEN CUBAN TROOPS AND ANGOLAN POPULATION. COUNTRIES BORDERING ANGOLA AND OTHER "MODERATES" WOULD THUS BE FACED WITH DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR SOME TIME.

5. ZAIRE FONMIN STATEMENT - DURING INTERVIEW RADIO RWANDA, ZAIRE FONMIN BULA MANDUNGA STATED "...ALL THAT AFRICA HAS TO DO IS TO HELP ITS ANGOLAN BROTHERS END THEIR FRATRICIDAL CONFLICT AND CREATE A REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AT NATIONAL LEVEL." OAU MEETING WAS "...NOT A FAILURE AS THOSE FAVORING MPLA BELIEVE IT VALIDATED THEIR VIEW. ON OTHER HAND, OAU PERFORMED ITS ROLE OF PROVIDING A FORUM FOR VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW ALTHOUGH, UN-FORTUNATELY, A CONSENSUS WAS NOT FORTHCOMING--BUT OAU EXISTS AND THERE NO EFFORT TO BREAK IT UP." IN CRITICAL VEIN, BULA SAID "ONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT MAYBE THE CHIEFS OF STATE WOULD HAVE APPEALED TO WHAT IS CALLED AFRICAN WISDOM. BUT ALAS, THE OUTSIDE INFLUENCE HAD WORKED SO WELL PLUS THE EGOTISM OF CERTAIN CHIEFS OF STATES WHO ACTED AS CRUSADERS EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD BEEN IN OFFICE ONLY FEW MONTHS. IT THUS BECAME VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND A COMPROMISE...BUT I BELIEVE THE WISDOM OF CHIEFS OF STATE WILL PREVAIL". FRITTS

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